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**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

**ORDINANCE 20-79(A)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, ESTABLISHING A FISHERMEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANT (FERG) PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$1.3 MILLION FROM THE ~~GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE~~ **COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND** TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC RELIEF TO CITY OF HOMER-BASED VESSEL OWNERS ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL FISHING WHO ARE IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer received \$7,899,085.29 in federal funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) from the State of Alaska that allows municipalities to provide small business grants to businesses that suffer economic impacts costs with the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer-based commercial fishing fleet is an important sector of Homer's diverse economy providing jobs and supporting local marine trades and chandleries, job provision and fish deliveries; and

WHEREAS, The Commercial fishing industry has suffered economic loss due to the softening of markets, including restaurants, public and private gatherings and the general loss of normal distribution outlets; and

WHEREAS, Commercial fishermen have suffered economic loss due to reductions or elimination of stock assessments and surveys which have led to more conservative management with reduced quotas or fishing time; and

WHEREAS, Commercial fishermen have suffered economic loss due to the added expenses of meeting quarantine, social distancing, and other restrictions that have been placed on the commercial fleets during the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the continued disruption of economic re-openings around the world may prolong the softening of markets, creating a serious, and in many cases critical, danger to their economic viability; and

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council believes the Covid-19 pandemic and actions taken as a result to protect public health as described above have created immediate necessity for economic relief to the City of Homer-based commercial fishing fleet.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

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46 Section 1. The Fisherman Economic Relief Grant (FERG) program is hereby established  
47 in accordance with the FERG policy document for the purpose of providing economic relief  
48 through the FERG program to City of Homer-based vessel owners engaged in commercial  
49 fishing who are impacted by the covid-19 pandemic.

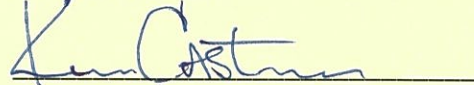
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51 Section 2. The FY2020 budget is hereby amended by appropriating funds in the amount  
52 of \$1,300,000.00 for the FERG program.

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54 Section 3. The Finance Department will continue to manage the project account for  
55 COVID-19 Response in order to track all project related costs.

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57 Section 4. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall  
58 not be codified.

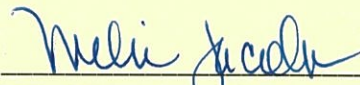
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60 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 26 day of October, 2020.

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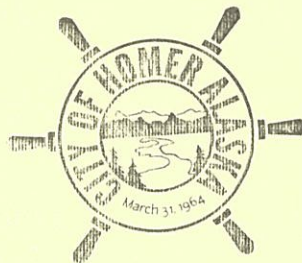
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65 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

66 ATTEST:

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69 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK



72 YES: 6

73 NO: 0

74 ABSTAIN: 0

75 ABSENT: 0

76 First Reading: 10.12.20

77 Public Hearing: 10.26.20

78 Second Reading: 10.26.20

79 Effective Date: 10.27.20

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81 Reviewed and approved as to form:

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84 Robert Dumouchel, City Manager

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86 Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Date: 10/25/20

Date: 11/11/2020